distributorship and one RO dealership have been approved in favour of two widows of martyrs viz. Smt. Fullabai W/o Hav. Suresh G. Chavan and Smt. Sangita Balaji Male W/o L/NK M.B. Baburao of district Sangli and Latur respectively from the State of Maharashtra.

Resitement of Petrol Pumps

111. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government vide its letter No. P-19011/15/97-IOC dated 3.9.97 has formulated final new policy and allowed the Oil Corporation to take decision on their level regarding the resitement of Petrol Pumps if the new site is in the same trading area or if the new site falls in the same class of market in whole of the district;

(b) if so, whether the above said policy has been changed; and

(c) if so, what is the new policy and when it has been changed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNU SWAMY): (a) Government delegated the powers of resitement of retail outlet/LPG distributorships subject to certain norms to oil marketing companies vide letter dated 3-9-1998.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.